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Colombia*: draft resolution

Measure to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, in particular resolution 43/74 of 7 December 1988,

Determined to act with a view to achieving effective progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Recalling the long-standing determination of the international community to achieve the effective prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical and biological weapons as well as the continuing support for measures to uphold the authority of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gasses, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, 1/ as expressed by consensus in many previous resolutions,

Welcoming the end of the cold war, the ensuing easing of international tension and the strengthening of trust between States,

Welcoming the recent initiatives by some States parties to withdraw their reservations to the 1925 Geneva "Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

1/ League of Nations, Treaty Series, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gasses, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare,

Renews its previous call to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the 1925 Geneva Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gasses, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions;

Calls upon those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw those reservations;

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.